

times a day for 7 days. After 7 days, if clinical improvement is not noted, re-evaluation of the diagnosis should be considered. All topical ophthalmic preparations containing corticosteroids with or without an antimicrobial agent are contraindicated in the initial treatment of corneal ulcers. They should not be used until the infection is under control and corneal regeneration is well underway. For use only by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

**§ 524.1881 Prednisolone acetate ophthalmic and topical dosage forms.**

**§ 524.1881a [Reserved]**

**§ 524.1881b Prednisolone acetate-neomycin sulfate sterile suspension.**

(a) *Specifications.* Prednisolone acetate-neomycin sulfate sterile suspension contains 2.5 milligrams of prednisolone acetate and 5 milligrams of neomycin sulfate (equivalent to 3.5 milligrams of neomycin base) in each milliliter of sterile suspension.

(b) *Sponsor.* See No. 000009 in § 510.600(c) of this chapter.

(c) *Conditions of use.* (1) The drug is indicated for treating infectious, allergic and traumatic keratitis and conjunctivitis, acute otitis externa, and chronic otitis externa in dogs and cats.

(2) For beginning treatment of acute ocular inflammations 1 or 2 drops may be placed in the conjunctival sac 3 to 6 times during a 24 hour period. When improvement occurs, the dosage may be reduced to 1 drop 2 to 4 times daily. In otitis externa, 2 to 6 drops may be placed in the external ear canal 2 or 3 times daily.

(3) All topical ophthalmic preparations containing corticosteroids with or without an anti-microbial agent are contraindicated in the initial treatment of corneal ulcers. They should not be used until infection is under control and corneal regeneration is well underway.

(4) Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

**§ 524.1883 Prednisolone sodium phosphate-neomycin sulfate ophthalmic ointment.**

(a) *Specifications.* Prednisolone sodium phosphate-neomycin sulfate oph-

thalmic ointment contains prednisolone sodium phosphate equivalent to 2.5 milligrams prednisolone 21-phosphate and 5 milligrams neomycin sulfate (equivalent to 3.5 milligrams neomycin base) in each gram of ointment.

(b) *Sponsor.* See No. 050604 in § 510.600(c) of this chapter.

(c) *Conditions of use.* (1) The drug is recommended for use in superficial ocular inflammations or infections limited to the conjunctiva or the anterior segment of the eye of cats and dogs, such as those associated with allergic reactions or gross irritants.<sup>1</sup>

(2) A small quantity of the ointment should be expressed into the conjunctival sac 4 times a day (at intervals of 1 to 8 hours) for a few days until there is a favorable response, then the frequency of application may be reduced to twice daily as long as the condition remains under control. Treatment may require from a few days to several weeks.<sup>1</sup>

(3) All topical ophthalmic preparations containing corticosteroids with or without an antimicrobial agent are contraindicated in the initial treatment of corneal ulcers. They should not be used until the infection is under control and corneal regeneration is well underway.<sup>1</sup>

(4) For use only by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.<sup>1</sup>

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**§ 524.1982 Proparacaine hydrochloride ophthalmic solution.**

(a) *Specifications.* The drug is an aqueous solution containing 0.5 percent proparacaine hydrochloride, 2.45 percent glycerin as a stabilizer, and 0.2 percent chlorobutanol (choral derivative) and 1:10,000 benzalkonium chloride as preservatives.

(b) *Sponsor.* See No. 053501 in § 510.600(c) of this chapter.

(c) *Special considerations.* The longterm toxicity of proparacaine is

<sup>1</sup>These conditions are NAS/NRC reviewed and deemed effective. Applications for these uses need not include effectiveness data as specified by § 514.111 of this chapter, but may require bioequivalency and safety information.